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Remarks/Arguments

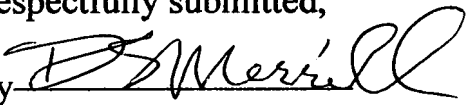
The subject of this proposal is (new) **[an idea brought to fruition]** by the Diagrams and Descriptions section of the original patent request Fig. 4 of 13/17. (new)**[The Electronic Facilitation Venue (EFV) was never intended to be a complete system. It is a template for a facilitation venue that makes the exercise of Twenty-first Century business possible.]**

Since the original filing date for this application [09/04/2001] there has been a good deal of work done in development of hardware particularly in the area of Data Mining and analysis of information. Server technology has been around a long time, but there has been significant development in the area of parallel and distributed computer systems; it is presently possible to acquire off-the-shelf equipment that would meet our needs.

The current state of development for Distributed Operating Systems can be found on the Internet under the title *The Amoeba Distributed Operating System*, ~~[[Andrew S. Tanenbaum & Gregory J. Sharp, Vrije Universiteit, De Boelelaan, 1081a, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Email: ast@cs.vu.nl, gregor@cs.vu.nl]]~~

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments



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CLAIMS

I Claim My Idea If Accepted For Patent Protection and Implemented Will Show:

Claim 1: Each **Electronic Facilitation Venue (EFV)** is a single integrated system consisting of the following IT functional classes: A **System Host**, a **Distributed Operating System (EFVDOS)**, a **Multi-Media Information Management system**, **Slim-Client Servers**, **Dynamic Processor Pool running specialized servers such as file servers and directory servers**, and a **High Speed Ethernet**.

Claim 2: The Architecture of the **EFV DOS** is [*Microkernel + Server*] where every machine element of the EFV is controlled by a small identical program [*Kernel*] supporting communication, object primitives, device I/O and memory management. On top of these fundamentals a *user-space-server* area with a unique modular design that pulls together a collection of different functional machine classes and independent program process thus making it possible to easily maintain and modify the system.

Claim 3: The **EFV** subject of this patent protection request is a non-specific module performing the function of a template. All of the necessary resources for a beginning are found in a fully integrated package that needs only the addition of market specific application software and hardware to define and establish a twentieth century business.